

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/758,446

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on 7/2/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20 (Renumbering per 37 CFR 1.126).
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/7/07
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to amendment with RCE of application 10/758,446 filed on 7/2/2007. Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, change "comprise" to --comprises--, to correct minor informality.

Claim 4, line 2, changed "includes" to --include--, to correct minor informality.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT AS TO THE REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. Claims 1-20 are allowed over the prior art of record.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: as to claims 1 and 10, the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a computer-implemented method and system comprising a data acquiring module configured to acquire layout information and gate net of an LSI; a layout analysis and fault link module configured to analyze a condition of connection of an input terminal and an output terminal of a basic cell regarding an entire layout of the LSI based the layout information and the gate net data acquired to extract the result of the analysis as layout element information and to generate an undetected fault list; a fault detecting module configured to execute any of fault simulation and an automatic test pattern generation on the undetected fault list and

to generate a detected and undetected fault list; and a weight calculating module configured to add the layout element information extracted, which includes a path between the output terminal of the basic cell, of which the output terminal is connected, to a gate net included in the gate net data and the input terminal of the basic cell, of which the input terminal is connected, to the gate net, corresponding to a fault in the detected and undetected fault list as weight to a stuck-at fault assumed to the input terminal, based on a link file between faults and layout element information to be generated based the acquired layout information, the acquired gate net data, and the detected and undetected fault list generated by the layout analysis and fault link module.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vuthe Siek whose telephone number is (571) 272-1906.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Ch56iang can be reached on (571) 272-7483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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